



# Montgomery County Council

*From the office of Councilmember Tom Perez*

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**Statement of Council Vice President Tom Perez  
Regarding the Selection of the Alexander/Eakin-Youngentob Team  
For Forest Glen Seminary Redevelopment**

"County Executive Doug Duncan hit a home run by choosing the Alexander/Eakin Youngentob team to develop the National Park Seminary Historic District site in the Forest Glen neighborhood. I applaud the various groups that submitted proposals. The competition was fierce, which is good news for the community. In the end, the Alexander/Eakin-Youngentob proposal rose to the top, and earned the confidence and endorsement of the neighboring communities. I am heartened that a number of prominent local businesses are now part of the team.

"I commend the neighboring communities, all of whom played a vital role in this process. Revitalization projects work best when the community's voice is heard. Residents turned out in large numbers to listen and evaluate the proposals, and make sure that their voices were heard. In the end, they spoke with a clear voice in favor of the Alexander/Eakin-Youngentob team because of their extensive experience with historic preservation projects, and their strong commitment to addressing the community's concerns. I commend the County Executive for ensuring that the community was at the table for this important debate.

"After many years of inactivity, this historic area is on the verge of a remarkable transformation. I look forward to continuing to work with the community, the County Executive, and the Alexander/Eakin-Youngentob team to make this exciting vision a reality for residents of the Forest Glen area."

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